and Indian traditional foods and packaging.

2. Investment in Public Sector Enterprises.

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b) NERAMAC

F. SECRETARIAT ECONOMIC SERVICES:

1. Scheme for strengthening of nodal agencies.

2. Scheme for strengthening of Directorate of F&VP for information, training, education and quality system for development of F&VP.

3. Scheme for participation in National and international exhibitions.

4. Scheme for promoting studies in food processing.

5. Scheme for performance awards in Food Processing Industries.

Incentives to catch fish from Marine sources

2765. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent his Ministry has been successful in giving a stimulas to catches of fish and shrink from marine sources;

(b) whether it is a fact that no significant impact has been made to utilise the deep-sea vessels under the Indian flag;

(c) the specific achievements of the Ministry to utilise Indian owned deep-sea fishing vessels from 1st June, 1993 to 31st October, 1993; and

(d) what measures have been proposed to alter this aspect of deep-sea fishing sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) The Government does not utilise deep sea fishing vessels, whether flying the Indian flag or a foreign flag. However, the Govt. provides incentives for the development of the deep sea fishing sector. In order to stimulate the exploitation of deep sea fishery resources, the Govt. provides assistance under its Plan schemes, diesel subsidy, re-schedulement of loans to sick units, subsidy on construction of vessels, infrastructural facilities and training of crew etc. the Govt. also announced the new deep sea fishing policy, under which joint ventures, leasing the test fishing projects are encouraged. As a result of this policy, 19 vessels were operated/are in operation, under joint ventures and testing fishing.

(d) Does not arise.

Permission for US Burger King to open shops in the country

2766. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned permission for US giant Burger King to open its shops in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No proposal from M/s. Burger King of U.S.A. seeking permission to open its shops in the country has been received.

(b) Does not arise.

Employment of rural women in Food Processing Industries

2767. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of rural women are being employed in the Food Processing Industries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof

and whether Government have any scheme under consideration so that these women should start their own business/ industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) Since food processing industries are both in the organised and unorganised sectors, information in regard to the number or rural women employed in the food processing industries is not being maintained centrally. The Ministry is operating a scheme for assisting State government organisations, cooperatives, autonomous bodies, voluntary organisations, etc. for setting up of Food Processing Training Centres particularly in the rural areas for providing training to potential entrepreneurs including women in the techniques of production and marketing of food products and management of small food processing units. The implementing agencies are expected to make special efforts for involving women and unemployed youth as trainees. Of the 250 Centres proposed to be assisted during the Eighth Plan, assitance has already been provided for establishment of 42 such Centres since the beginning of the Eighth Plan.

India's share in World Production of fruits and vegetables

2768. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in world production of fruits and vegetables is 7 per cent and 11 per cent respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India processes less than 1 per cent of the total production in the country;

(c) what is the comparative figures of percentage in neighbouring countries in this regard; and

(d) what incentives Government propose to give to boost the processing of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As per available information, India's share in world production fruits and vegetables is 8.13% and 12.97% respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per available information, the total fruits and vegetables processed in Malaysia is 83% and in Phillipines 78%.

(d) Besides Government have placed development of processed food industry in the priority sector and delicenced most food processing industry. It has also provided fiscal concessions for the processed food products as well as capital goods for the processed food products. Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing various Plan schemes to seek provide assistance for setting up of units in the public/joint/cooperative sectors. In addition, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Horticulture Board also provide various assistances for post-harvest processing, exports, etc.

Fuel used by Deep-sea fishing Industry

2769. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendations or proposals have been conveyed to Finance Ministry to re-introduce the Central Excise Subsidy on fuel oil used by deep-sea fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if no recommendations were made what are the reasons therefor?